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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

HOTTA ET AL.

Examiner

Tuan N Nguyen

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 4-7, 13 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

  
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**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. In response to applicant's amendment filed February 26, 2003, claims 2, 3, 8-12 and 14 have been cancelled, and claim 15 has been added. Claims 1, 4-7, 13, and 15 are pending.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 4-7, 13, and 15 have been considered but are moot in view of new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Drawing***

3. Formal drawing has been accepted. The different date on the paper was due to different stamp date received by different department – April 10, 2000 was received at the Trade Office and May 24, 2000 was received within out Tech Center 2800.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 102(b) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1, 4, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over Kaku et al. (US 4751695). Kaku et al. '695 discloses an optical pickup apparatus having a supporting frame, where light emitting device supported by the frame, a deflector supported by the supporting frame to deflect laser light from light emitting device such that a deflection angle is adjustable perpendicular to the optical axis becomes narrowest with radial direction of the optical recording disk, and lens driver supported by the frame that operable to move an objective lens in

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a focusing direction and tracking direction of an optical recording disk to converge the laser light deflected by the deflector onto the optical recording disk (Figure8: 70-75, 93-96). Since claims 4 and 15 recite the same or identical elements/limitations it is inherent to use patents ('695) to recite the method of manufacturing optical pickup apparatus, product by process.

With respect to claims 5-7, and 13 Kaku et al. '695 shows the deflection angle of the deflector is perpendicular to an aperture of the objective lens and an adjuster for adjusting the deflection angle of the deflector and where laser records information on the optical recording disk (Figure8: 70-75, 93-96).

#### *Citation of Pertinent References*

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. It is cited primarily to show the product of the instant invention.

Kasai et al. (US 4866687), Okada et al. (US 4837757), Yokota (US 5088075), Matsumoto et al. (US005396477A), Yamashita et al. (US006157599A), Shiba et al. (US 5195070) disclose optical disc drive with inclination angle correction mechanism.

#### *Communication Information*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan N Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 605-0756. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:30 - 4:30PM.

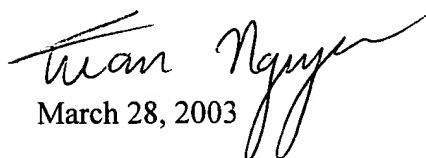
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